



NEWSLETTER

ROTARY SERVICE CONNECTIONS



Here is important information about the 2013-14 Presidential Citation. Please share the following information with your members and let's have 50 clubs or more receiving your citations at the District Conference this May at Stowe Mountain Lodge.

The 2013-14 Presidential Citation will recognize Rotary clubs that achieve an array of accomplishments that promote membership growth, enhance humanitarian service, and strengthen community ties through the family of Rotary. To qualify for a citation, a club must complete three required activities and at least three additional activities per category* listed in the [2013-14 Presidential Citation Brochure \(900A-EN\)](#). Club presidents just fill out and sign a copy of the brochure and send it to me by 31 March

2014. I'll remind you repeatedly. The brochure is available in a writeable PDF format, which can be saved and e-mailed as an attachment.

► Download the [2013-14 Presidential Citation Brochure](#)

* Please note Ron Burton will recognize clubs that exceed the minimum requirements of the Presidential Citation with a citation with distinction. To qualify for the Presidential Citation with Distinction, clubs must complete at least four additional activities per category instead of three.

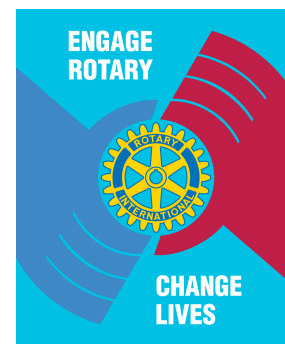
Interact clubs may qualify for a Presidential Citation by completing at least four of the activities listed in the [Interact Presidential Citation form](#). Both of these forms are available on RI website. The sponsoring Rotary club must sign the Rotaract or Interact citation form and submit it to me also by 31 March 2014.

► Download the [2013-14 Rotaract Presidential Citation form](#)

► Download the [2013-14 Interact Presidential Citation form](#)

Many of you already qualify just by what you do or already have done since July 1st. The rest of you can qualify in the remaining eight months. The hard part will be just sending me the form by March 31st and that really won't be hard. Cheers - David

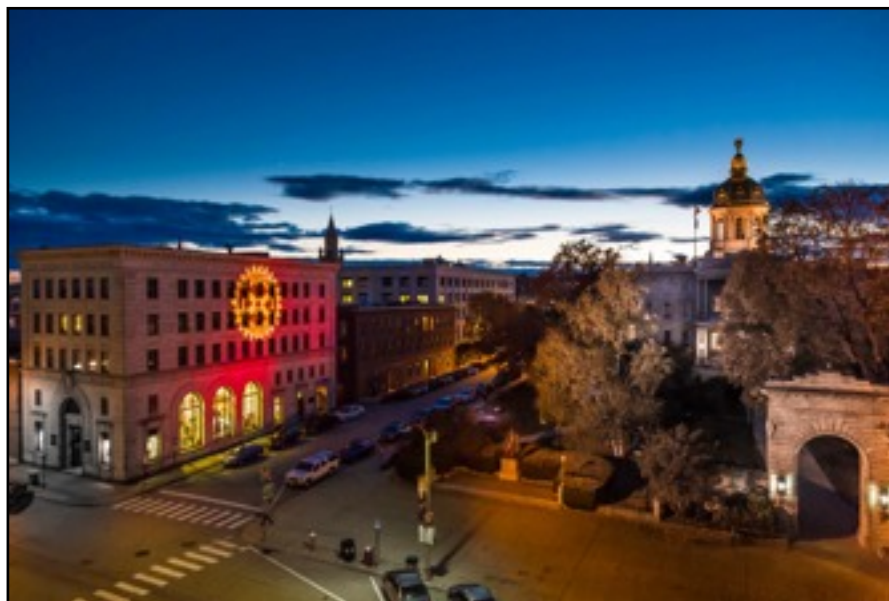
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WORLD POLIO DAY - OCT 24TH

By Venu Rao, Chair PolioPlus Committee, Pictures by Tony Gilmore, PDG



In spite of the fact that the evening was colder than normal for this time of the year, and the Red Sox were playing in the World Series, over thirty five Rotarians braved the weather and showed up for the ceremonies.

Master of Ceremonies PDG Chris Parkinson, Chief Guest DG David Hoopes and Key Note Speaker AG Dennis McMann were brief but effective to the occasion.

The LASER audio-visual show was amazing because of Chis Malloy's superb professional work. Very pleasant surprise was David Countway's impressive End Polio Display and polio educational material.

There are other Rotarians who played key roles in the background to make this event a success. Thanks to Kim, Tony, Alan and Erle.

We concluded World Polio Day LASER show event with

fellowship of Rotarians at Barley House Restaurant with warm appetizers (compliments of our DG David Hoopes) cold drinks.



Calendar

For additional information go to the district website calendar

November

12, NH District Foundation Dinner

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua, NH

14, VT District Foundation Dinner

Jackson Gore Inn, Ludlow, VT

28, Turkey Trot 5k

Merrimack

Merrimack High School

December

21, Senior Holiday Dinner

Hopkinton

Slusser Center



DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Dennis McMann, AG

The District Membership Conference at Brattleboro Retreat on October 19th was over subscribed and attendees were extremely pleased with the program. Committee Chair June Howe with members Jerry Branch (Monadnock), Ken Fordham (Milford), and Dick Rohe (Rutland) facilitating, did a great job of involving attendees while keeping the pace moving through a full agenda.

Every year since 2001 we have recruited over 100,00 new members. During that time our total membership has remained at about 1.2 million. Citing that statistic, DGE Rich Barryman, standing in for DG David Hoopes, stressed that retention was obviously our biggest problem, and focusing on member engagement was a key part of the solution. Attendees agreed and provided a number of suggestions:

- Focus on “you” to get to “us”
- Seek members who **want** to be engaged, not ones who must be convinced to engage
- Involve members in activities that match their interests
- Encourage members to attend RLI and District training and events
- Encourage members to visit other clubs.
- Assign everyone to at least one committee with a meaningful job to do
- Having existing members give “club talks” on their Rotary, professional, and personal lives
- Provide experienced, motivated **mentors** for new members
- Pull senior members back into active leadership roles
- Solicit and act on member input in club planning
- Ask new members to do a club performance review after 6 months - How are we doing?
- Survey all members annually
- ...and more

Planning is underway for another Membership Conference on April 26th at Brattleboro Retreat.





WHY ATTEND?

The annual Rotary International Convention offers you the perfect opportunity to connect with leaders from around the world and celebrate your shared passion for taking action in communities at home and abroad.

You'll hear from some of the world's leading experts on topics such as water, polio, and social media. Through workshops and breakout sessions, you'll develop leadership skills and share your recreational, professional, and humanitarian interests. As you browse the project booths in the Billabong House of Friendship, you'll discover new ideas for service, and perhaps a new partner for creating change.

Sydney is an ideal destination for an unforgettable family vacation. You'll find something to keep everyone happily occupied while you check out all the convention has to offer.

ROTARIANS

Broaden your appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service.

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

See tips for getting the most from your experience.

FRIENDS OF ROTARY

Family-friendly activities abound in Sydney. While pre-convention events give Rotaractors, Interactors, and RYLA participants the chance to come together and celebrate their programs.





DISTRICT NOMINEES FOR COL

By Alice Boucher, PDG

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following members as District Representatives to the Council On Legislation (COL):

Delegate: PDG Chris Parkinson

Alternate: PDG Tony Gilmore

Clubs will vote on the proposed nominees at a later date.

The next meeting of the COL will be in 2016. Delegates will:

- assist clubs in preparing their proposals for the council;
- discuss proposed legislation at the district conference and/or other district meetings;
- be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district;
- give critical consideration to all legislation presented to the council and effectively communicate those views to the council;
- act as an objective legislator of RI;
- attend the meeting of the council for its full duration;
- report on the deliberations of the council to the clubs of the district following the meeting of the council; and
- be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of proposals for future councils.

NASHUA COUNTY COLLEGE ROTARACT

By David McBee, Chair

Pictures from the initial meeting of the Nashua County College Rotaract Club at New England College., chartered by the Rotary Club of Henniker.



Jay Burgess (Henniker President), Lisa Hustis (Youth Services Chair), Mary Krotzer (Treasurer) and Peter Flynn (President-Elect)



The faculty advisor Dennis Kalob PhD is on the right with Lisa Hustis. The young women are Jessica Place (2nd from left, chief organizer and most likely the first